



Veterans Corner

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PRESS RELEASE

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Launch of Veterans Book Corner at Cameron Senior Center, Westford

A Veteran's Book Corner has been launched at the Cameron Senior Center in Westford providing books of interest to veterans such as memoirs, biographies, and nonfiction books with military themes. Initiated by the Westford Women's Club with a vision to provide easy access of books in this genre to veterans of all ages, the initial collection of books housed in the second floor library at the Cameron is now open to the public.

Lynne Stader, member of Westford Women's Club, said the idea to orchestrate a collection of books of interest to members of the armed forces came last fall as a result of the Westford Museum and American Legion hosting a book signing featuring Robert Burne MacDougall discussing his book *No Way to Fight a War*.

"This book offers an updated perspective on current military practices, and was written by a former Westford resident," said Stader. "It seemed there should be a way to make books such as this available to veterans at no cost." A copy of the book purchased at the MacDougall book signing is currently featured in the Veterans Corner collection.

The Westford Women's Club approached Cameron Senior Center earlier this year on the availability of space in the library of the new facility to house a veteran's collection, and staff was happy to lend support.

Club members sent letters to area veteran organizations seeking donations of appropriate books and title recommendations. Rosheen Secor, president of Westford Women's Club, worked on the project. "We were very excited that Cameron volunteers were able to help catalog and shelve our books in time for a Memorial Day launch," said Secor. Members of Westford Women's Club will work together with Cameron volunteers to screen and inventory books, and promote the book offerings.

Women's club members also worked closely with Westford's Veterans Service Officer Terry Stader, who expressed immediate enthusiasm and support of this new offering for veterans.

"When I spoke of this new initiative to veterans in town, interest was strong. Many had books from their personal libraries they were willing to donate. Others suggested the possibility of financial support." Stader is promoting the new collection through online updates as well as his contacts with area veterans.

VSO Stader was present at the official opening of the Veterans Book Corner on Monday, along with Post Commander Bill Vullo of American Legion Post 159, a major contributor to the collection.

Books currently shelved in the Veterans Book Corner collection include themes from many of the nation's military eras: Civil War, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and the more recent conflicts of Iraq and Afghanistan.

Women's club members envision expanding the collection to include fiction books in the military genre. An official dedication of the Veterans Book Corner is being planned.

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